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FROM: Mr. and Mrs. Clayton Cartier
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DATE: Wednesday, September 01, 1999

RE: The Restoration of the Bay/Delta Ecosystem

Dear Sir:

We are writing to you because we live fifteen feet from one of the most polluted and unnatural rivers in the state. The Carmel River has been dammed, receives increasingly high doses of agricultural runoff, and fails to flow all year long because it is overly pumped to provide water. This has created a small-scale disaster. PLEASE, WE URGE YOU, DO NO LET THE SAME THING HAPPEN IN THE DELTA AND SF BAY.

There are many things we could do down here to make the Carmel Valley River viable again. We believe that the same holds true for the Sacramento, which has been blessed with a special task force. Try to make certain that the rivers that empty into the bay are allowed to run unhindered at full capacity. This will even alleviate flood dangers by flushing the riverbeds of silt and deposits that increase flooding. Furthermore a few initially costly investments will help educate the public and businesses about wise water use, and establish the infrastructure to prevent pollution and reduce our dependence on the waterways for fresh water. Most importantly there needs to be a special emphasis on pollution reduction and prevention. When floods happened in our neighborhood, the most dangerous waste that the river dumped in our yards was not the visible and metal waste, but rather the invisible chemical toxins and animal and human wastes that are too close to the shores and become a part of the river.

You have a chance to act for the whole of California and the States by taking a leadership role in this matter. When we visited Stockholm Sweden there was a water festival celebrating the purity of the waterways that surround their capital city. The water has been cleaned up and for the last ten or so years it is safe to eat any fish caught from city bridges. Let's try to remove the signs dotting the SF bay that warn pregnant mothers about eating fish caught in the bay.

Thank you for reading this letter in its entirety,

Sincerely,

 Clayton Cartier